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Settlement parties under the Estates Abolition Act

* 210 *Q*.—Sri M. P. SARATHI: கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) Estates Abolition Act -ன்படி இந்த ராஜ்யத்தில் எத்தனை Settlement Party- -கள் பணியாற்றுகின்றன?

(ஆ) எவ்வளவு காலமாக?

(இ) இந்த வேலை எப்போது முடிவுறும்?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) There are five Settlement Parties (Parties I to V) now functioning in the State.

(*b*) Party No. I is functioning for the last ten years, Party II —six years, Party III—six years, Party IV—six years, Party V—four years.

(*c*) The Settlement work is expected to be completed in this State by the end of fasli 1372, i.e., 30th June 1963.

Mr. SPEAKER: Questions are over.

[*Note* **An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speach indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) CLOSURE OF MILLS.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have received a notice of an adjournment motion from Sri N. K. Palanisami with regard to the failure of the Government to take action against the closure of certain mills in a particular area consequent on the discharge of a large number of women workers in those mills I have informed this House a number of times that such matters will not come under adjournment motions and that I will not allow any discussion on them. Therefore, I am not going to mention even where the mills are and other details. If there was labour dispute between the management and the workers there was a separate machinery for dealing with it. This House cannot be made a forum for discussing such things. I therefore rule it out of order.

(2) DEATH OF A PERSON IN POLICE CUSTODY.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have received notice of another adjournment motion from the hon. Members Sri K. Anbazhagan and Sri M. Karunanithi stating that the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the death of one Ramalingam, a youth in Police custody on the 15th August 1960, who was arrested on the 14th August 1960 by the Town Police, Kumbakonam. The allegation was that the death was due to police excesses. I do not know what the responsibility of the Government is in the matter. I would like the Hon. Minister to let me know the facts.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, this adjournment motion relates to an occurrence of yesterday, about which I have no information. If there is death in police custody, there is